

Robert W. Esmond Tracy-Gene G. Durkin Robert C. Millonig Lawrence B. Bugaisky Donald J. Featherstone Michael V. Messinger

Judith II Kim Timothy J. Shea, J Patrick E. Garrett Donald R. Banowit Peter A. Jackman Teresa U. Medler Jeffrey S. Weaver Kendrick P. Patterson Vincent L. Capuano Eldora Ellison Floyd Thomas C. Fiala Brian J. Del Buono

Joseph S. Ostroff Frank R. Cottingham Christine M. Lhulier Rae Lynn P. Guest George S. Bardmes Daniel A. Klein* Jason D. Eisenberg e S. Bardmesse Michael D. Specht Andrea J. Kamage Tracy L. Muller* LuAnne M. DeSantis Ann F. Summerfield Aric W. Ledford*
Helene C. Carlson
Timothy A. Doyle* Nicole D. Dretar*

Ted J. Fbersole Registered Patent Agents Karen R. Markowicz Nancy J. Leith Matthew J. Dowd Aaron L. Schwartz

Katrina Yujian Pei Quach Bryan L. Skelton Robert A. Schwartzman Teresa A Colella Jeffrey S. Lundgren Victoria S. Rutherford Michelle K. Holoubek rt H. DeSelms

Mita Mukherjee Scott M. Woodhouse Michael G. Penn Christopher J. Walsh

Of Counsel Kenneth C. Bass III Evan R. Smith Marvin C. Guthrie

Admitted only in Maryland Admitted only in Virginia Practice Limited to Federal Agencies

November 1, 2004

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER: (202) 772-8544 INTERNET ADDRESS: MCIMBALA@SKGF.COM

Mail Stop RCE

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 09/967,184; Filed: September 28, 2001

Method for Recovering Products

Inventors:

HEIKKILÄ et al.

Our Ref:

1427.0120000/MAC/THN

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
- 2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
- 3. Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Indication Form;
- Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b); 4.
- Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) for \$790.00 to cover the Request 5. for continued examination (RCE) fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)); and
- 6. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox PLL.C.: 1100 New York Avenue, NW: Washington, DC 20005: 202.371.2600 f 202.371.2540: www.skgf.com

Commissioner for Patents November 1, 2004 Page 2

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Michele A. Cimbala

Attorney for Applicants

Trustant A. Centil

Registration No. 33,851

Enclosure

328203_1.DOC